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As a result of the increase in US aid from 3 to 4 million yuan, the coal output from the P'ing-hsiang Coal Mine of the Western Kiangsi Mining Bureau registered a tremendous gain. Production figures for the past few months are as follows: September, 8,377 tons; October, 12,000 tons; November, 11,390 tons. The output for December is expected to exceed 20,000 tons.

Extensive plans are now being made by this Bureau to increase this mine's daily coal production to about 5,000 tons within 5 years time, thereby making it the largest coal mine in Kiangsi Province.

Construction work on the newly-opened Vertical Shaft No 12 of this mine was recently completed, and production is expected to begin by the end of this month. The width of the rich coal seam found is about 1.5 feet. In addition to this construction work, this mine recently constructed a branch railroad line connecting with the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railroad.

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